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RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS

Probably no nation in the present European struggle has suffered more humiliation in the last two years than has neutral Greece. Her strategic position on one of the war fronts and her inability to protect her boundaries have made difficult the maintenance of neutrality and have made her a stepping-stone for the stronger nations.

Greece has been subjected to affront after affront at the hands of the Allies; the latest, a demand to deliver to the allied forces arms and ammunition, has drawn a most righteous protest from Greece to the other neutral nations. Such an interference with the sovereign rights of a nation would draw forth much indignation and speedy action in ordinary times, but, since the warring nations have all but taken it upon themselves to determine international law, such injustices will continue.

One good result of the war—if there are any good results—may be to strengthen international law and make clearer the rights of smaller nations and the punishment for the infringement of such rights.

"CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS"

Many Quakers in England decided that "Thou shalt not kill" means exactly what it says, and so they refused to fight. Thirty-four of these "conscientious objectors" were sentenced to death. They stoically faced martyrdom for their ideals.

Effort after effort was made to force these people to fight. They were given the hardest labor. They were sent to the front to face death. It was thought that if they were in the firing line they would ask for weapons. But these "conscientious objectors" faced the fire of the enemy without a murmur and, what was still more difficult, endured the taunts of their fellow Englishmen.

The country as a whole declared these Quakers "mollycoddled pacifists and cowards." And yet there is no doubt that it was just as heroic to brave martyrdom as they did, uncheered by their comrades, unsung by their countrymen.

And though these Quakers were scorned by their fellow-men, they refused to allow themselves to descend to the level of their mockers. Said one of them: "I have nothing against the poor fellows at the front who are fighting. They are fighting for their ideals, just as I fight for mine."

"Conscientious objector" is a synonym for Christian and martyr, not for coward.

Mr. Bryan may have made some blunders as Secretary of State, but at least he did not have to issue a second statement to explain that he did not mean what he said in his first statement.

Now that Prof. R. G. Usher has announced his reply to the Wilson note, we may expect to hear from the other Great Powers.

If President Wilson's note to the belligerents had no other effect, it at least caused the world to talk peace, not war.

St. Louis is to have a Federal Farm Loan Bank. S. F. Conley would be a mighty good man for a director.

According to Auditor Gordon, it seems to be a capital offense to tell the truth in Missouri.

Mrs. Martha Smith Unimproved. The serious condition of Mrs. Martha J. Smith, 505 Hickman avenue, who is in the Parker Memorial Hospital with a stroke of apoplexy, was unchanged today.

CURATORS REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

Biennial Account of Doings of the University and Recommendations Ready to Be Sent to the Next General Assembly.

(The following is the first installment of the biennial report of the Board of Curators of the University, including the budget for 1917-18. This report is signed by C. B. Rollins, vice-president of the board, who is acting president. Other installments will follow until the report has been published in full in the Missouriian.)

January 1, 1917.

To the Forty-ninth General Assembly. Gentlemen: On behalf of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, I hereby submit our biennial report, as required by law, setting forth the conditions and needs of the University in detail. Reports from the following officers are included:

J. G. Babb, Secretary of the Board of Curators; Edward Kahlbaum, Secretary of the Executive Committee, School of Mines and Metallurgy; R. B. Price, Sr., Treasurer of the University.

DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

In the course of its development there have been organized in the University of Missouri several divisions of the work of instruction and investigation, corresponding to special needs of students and to the vocations followed by the citizens of the state. Whenever a vocation begins to bring science and expert knowledge to its aid in a marked degree, the demand arises for the universities to furnish the special kind of training needed by the experts. In this way progressive universities, especially state universities, must from time to time expand or reorganize their work and establish new divisions to meet the needs of the citizens. At the present time the University of Missouri is organized in the following divisions:

College of Arts and Science; College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, including (a) Division of Agriculture, (b) Division of Engineering; School of Mines and Metallurgy; School of Medicine; School of Law; School of Education; School of Journalism; School of Commerce and Public Administration; Graduate School; Extension Division.

Each of these Divisions has its special faculty, except the Extension Division, and all are located at Columbia, except the School of Mines and Metallurgy, which is located at Rolla.

THE FACULTY.

While in general the University of Missouri has been fortunate in recent years in securing as great permanence in its teaching staff as obtains in other universities in this section of the United States, yet some important changes in the faculty take place every year, due almost entirely to the fact that other universities can offer larger salaries and more money for equipment and department expenses.

Professors to Other Schools.

In 1915 the only teacher of professional rank who resigned was Dr. I. N. Lewis, the junior professor of the department of botany, who became head of the School of Biology in the University of Virginia; but in 1916 the following full professors resigned to accept attractive offers from other universities: Dr. H. J. Davenport went to Cornell University to take charge of graduate instruction in economics; Prof. C. B. Hutchison accepted the chair of plant breeding in the graduate department of the Cornell (N. Y.) College of Agriculture, and Prof. D. O. McGovney became dean of the law faculty of the University of Iowa. At the same time Associate Prof. E. A. Fessenden accepted the headship of the department of mechanical engineering in Pennsylvania State College, and Associate Prof. Walter Stewart became professor of economics in Amherst College.

In the fall of 1915 we added to the teaching staff Prof. A. C. Lanier in electrical engineering, a graduate of Tennessee and Harvard universities, who had taught four years and had been in practical engineering work with the Westinghouse Company in Pittsburgh, Pa., for eight years, being at the time of his appointment here the head of the design department to accept attractive offers from other men for direct current machinery. He succeeded Prof. H. B. Shaw, who had accepted the appointment as a member of the Public Service Commission of Missouri two years earlier, temporary arrangements for the management of the department in the meantime having been maintained. At the same time Dr. H. G. Brown, for several years instructor at Yale University, became assistant professor of economics, with transportation as his special field.

Beginning with the fall of 1916 the School of Commerce was enlarged in scope by making it a School of Commerce and Public Administration, and Dr. Isidor Loeb, formerly dean of the University faculty, became dean of this School. Associate Prof. Walter Stewart was succeeded by Dr. H. A. Wooster, formerly instructor in Yale University, as assistant professor of economics. Prof. C. B. Hutchison's place was filled by the appointment of Dr. C. W. Etheridge, formerly professor of agronomy in the University of Florida, as professor of farm crops. Prof. D. O. McGovney was succeeded by Dr. G. H. Robinson, who had two years ago taken up the administrative work of the Law School of Tulane University, when Professor McGovney resigned the deanship there to come to Missouri. And Associate Professor Fessenden's place was filled by the appointment of Prof. Dean E. Foster of Washington State College as associate professor of mechanical engineering.

New Assistant Professors.

There have also been a few changes in the staff among teachers of lower rank, but this is inevitable, as institutions of lower standing naturally recruit their professors from the instructors and assistants of the strong universities. A few of our best teachers of this class have been promoted to the rank of assistant professor here—Ella V. Dobbs to be assistant professor of manual arts, R. R. Hudelson to be assistant professor of soils, Dr. R. J. Kerner to be assistant professor of history, Dr. J. W. Marden to be assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. G. D. Newton to be assistant professor of mechanical drawing, and Dr. Louis Selbert to be assistant professor of Romance languages.

THE STUDENTS

In recent years the students have shown an earnestness and a spirit of co-operation with those in authority that have been very gratifying. All semblance of disorder has practically disappeared, and cases requiring discipline by the faculty are very rare. The students of the University nowadays as a rule spend their leisure time in wholesome amusements and outdoor sports. For the most part the latter are so organized as to be under the joint control of faculty and student representatives, thus giving opportunity for student initiative, while preventing excesses that sometimes accompany complete student control of athletics.

Cost of Living Low.

Through the Commons we are able, even under present conditions, to keep the cost of living for students at a low rate. During the past two years the average cost of meals there has been approximately 14 cents, and it is believed that even this year the cost will not exceed 15 cents a meal on the average. There still continues to be an ample supply of rooms in the University dormitories, the Bible College and University Y. M. C. A. buildings, the fraternity chapter houses for men and women and in the private residences of Columbia, so that the charges for rooms have not become excessive, and the total cost of living for students in Columbia remains lower than in other university seats.

Enrollment Increase Shown.

The average enrollment in the University at Columbia was 3,699 during the years 1913 and 1914, and for 1915 and 1916 it has been 4,069, an increase of nearly 400. At a time when we had no increase in the appropriation for current expenses of the resident university work this has put a severe strain upon our resources, and it has been with the greatest difficulty that we have maintained the standard previously established. The enrollment in the entire University, including the School of Mines and Metallurgy, reached 4,354 for the year 1916.

MAHAN ON GARDNER'S STAFF

Hannibal Attorney, M. U. '07, Is Honored by New Executive.

Dulany D. Mahan, LL. B. '07, has been appointed to the personal staff of Governor-elect Frederick D. Gardner. After Mr. Mahan was graduated from Missouri he received a degree from Harvard University. He is now a member of the law firm of Mahan, Smith and Mahan of Hannibal.

The appointment is one of distinction for Mr. Mahan, as the personal staff of the governor is composed of influential men of the state. The staff will perform its first official duty at the inaugural ceremony which will be held in Jefferson City in January.

"OPEN HOUSE" FOR M. U. FOLK

Kansas City Students to Receive New Year's Day Afternoon.

"Open house" for all alumni, students and former students of the University of Missouri will be at the Elms Hotel in Kansas City, 2 to 5 o'clock the afternoon of New Year's Day. The University women plan the reception as an annual reunion of University people. Dancing will follow a program of entertainment by these former students: Samuel Hurst, Jerome Twitchell, Miss Margaret Woodson, Miss Elizabeth Woodson and Mrs. Charles Erhke. University women will act as hostesses. No personal invitations are issued.



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City Taxes Increase \$4,000.

B. W. Jacobs, city tax collector, said yesterday that the taxes paid this year amount to \$6,000 more than at the same time last year. Wednesday the receipts amounted to more than \$2,000, but yesterday's receipts were much lower. Next Monday will be the last day for payment without an extra assessment for delinquency.

M. U. Man in Manila Magazine.

The Philippine Craftsman, a monthly magazine published at Manila, has

in a recent number an article by Paul J. Morgan, a former student in the School of Journalism, now a teacher in the Philippines. The subject is "Better Provisions for Domestic Science Work."

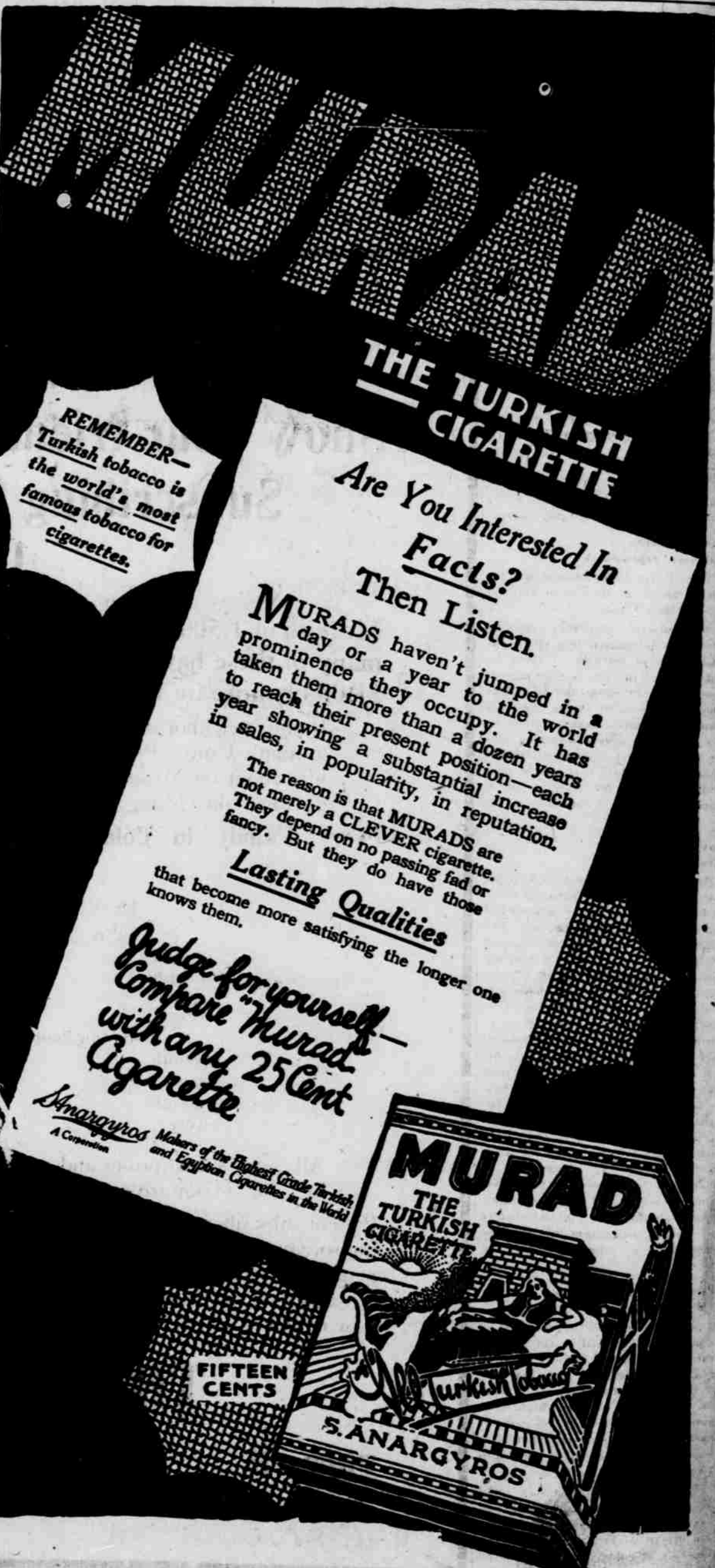
Dance Tonight Is for "Stay-Home." The dance to be given at 8:30 o'clock tonight at the Missouri Union Building is for all students who did not go home for the holidays and not only for members, according to H. H. Mayon, secretary. Prof. and Mrs. P. L. Martin will be the chaperons.

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